

Powerloom:

- (1) 20% Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme for Powerloom Sector under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme.
- (2) Modernisation and Strengthening of Powerloom Service Centres.
- (3) Support to Computer Aided Design Centres.
- (4) Group Workshed Scheme.
- (5) Group Insurance Scheme for Powerloom Weavers.

Silk

Catalytic Development Programme

Wool

Integrated wool Improvement Programme.

Export:

Special Integrated Textiles Parks Scheme

Assistance to craftsmen and weavers in Andhra Pradesh

2412. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance and other types of support extended to the craftsmen and weavers of Andhra Pradesh for self employment, during the last three years;
- (b) the number of craftsmen and weavers benefited therefrom; and
- (c) the details of the new schemes/projects, if any, for the benefit of craftsmen and weavers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE "MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN): (a) The developmental schemes like Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana for Cluster Development, Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme, Marketing Support Scheme, Export Promotion Scheme and Special Handicraft Training Projects Scheme, etc. being implemented in the Handicrafts Sector and Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Integrated Handloom Training Project, Marketing Promotion Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Handloom Export

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Scheme, Integrated Handloom Cluster Development etc. being implemented in the handloom sector indirectly encourage self-employment amongst the artisans and the weavers. The details of financial assistance provided to various implementing agencies viz. State Handicrafts Development Corporations/Societies/NGOs etc. for implementation of schemes of Handicrafts Sector and the schemes of the Handlooms Sector in the State of Andhra Pradesh, during the last three years *i.e.* 2003-04 to 2005-06 is as under:

(Rupees in lakhs)

Year	Amount released for Handicrafts Sector	Amount Released for Handlooms Sector
2003-04	212.04	1784.14
2004-05	248.32	848.21
2005-06	440.96	829.44
TOTAL:	907.32	3461.79

(b) Number of artisans benefited through implementation of above schemes in the Handicrafts Sectors are 20,000 and 2,95,196 weavers in the Handloom sector in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) The Government introduced some new schemes, for the benefit of artisans and weavers in the country, during the 10th Plan period which include Special Handicrafts Training Project, Work-shed Scheme, Credit Guarantee Scheme and Janshree Bima Yojana in the Handicrafts Sector and Integrated Handloom Cluster Development (IHCD), Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojana, Health Insurance Scheme and Handloom Mark and Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme in the Handlooms Sector.

Waiving of loans to weavers

†2413. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) by when handloom weavers will be given bank loan at seven per cent interest rate like farmers, as per his prior declaration;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.